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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7086

BILL NUMBER: HB 1901

DATE PREPARED: Mar 1, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 27, 2001

SUBJECT: Mercury-added products.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill prohibits the sale and distribution of mercury-added novelties after July 1, 2003. A person may sell or supply a mercury fever thermometer to an individual after July 1, 2003, only if the individual has a prescription for the thermometer. The bill provides exceptions for novelties and thermometers that (1) only contain mercury in button cell batteries; or (2) are antiques.

The bill restricts a public or nonpublic school from using or purchasing elemental mercury, mercury compounds, or mercury-added instructional equipment and materials after July 1, 2003. A person may sell or provide elemental mercury to another person after July 1, 2003, only if the person meets certain conditions. It requires manufacturers of thermostats that contain mercury to provide incentives for and sufficient information to purchasers and consumers of the thermostats after July 1, 2003, to ensure that the mercury in the thermostats is reused or recycled. This bill also requires the Environmental Quality Service Council to review various issues concerning mercury before January 1, 2004.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) Any costs associated with implementing the educational program can be absorbed with existing resources of the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

This bill also requires the Environmental Quality Service Council (EQSC) to review various issues concerning mercury before January 1, 2004. The EQSC expired December 31, 2000, and would be unable to review the issues unless legislation re-establishes the Council.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The bill restricts a public school from using or purchasing

elemental mercury, mercury compounds, or mercury-added instructional equipment and materials after July 1, 2003. The effect of this provision on school corporations expenditures is indeterminable.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: (Revised) Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Local Agencies Affected: (Revised) School Corporations.

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